more time to send their comments on the various consultation papers issued by the TRAI in the last few months;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken or propose to take to remove the impasse?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has issued revised regulation on ADC on 23.2.2006 to be effective from 01.03.2006 and applicable to Cellular, Basic, Unified Access Services, National Long Distance and international Long Distance Operators.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Merger of circles of BSNL

2115. SHRI RAMAMUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of merger of circles by BSNL;

(b) whether the merger of circles is in line with the concept of a National Flat Rate for mobile and fixed landline calls;

(c) whether it is a fact that the concept of 'One India' which was to be started from January 26,2006 has been postponed due to some technical problems;

(d) if so, the details of problems faced by his Ministry and by when the problems would be sorted out and 'One India' concept is going to be started;

(e) whether any players, private or otherwise, are opposing 'One India' concept; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) It was decided by the Government to treat Cellular calls between Mumbai and Maharashtra, Kolkata and West Bengal, Chennai and Tamil Nadu Service areas of Cellular and Unified Access Service Licences and all basic and cellular calls between Uttar Pradesh (East) and Uttar Pradesh (West) Service areas as intra service area calls. BSNL is treating such calls accordingly.

(b) The merger of circles is not same as the concept of a National Flat Rate for mobile and fixed landline calls.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. (MTNL) has announced an alternate One India Tariff Plan package w.e.f. 01.03.2006.

(e) Consequent to announcement of One India Plan by BSNL and MTNL, no player, private or otherwise has represented opposing 'One India' concept as an alternate tariff package.

(f) Does not arise in view of (e) above.

Fall in profits of MTNL and BSNL

2116. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BALAPTE:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the profits of MTNL and BSNL have fallen sharply during the last two years;

(b) the details of profits earned by these PSUs during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the reasons for the sharp fall in their profits; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure that these PSUs do not become sick?